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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Raphael - 4:30 p.m. St. Bernard

Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph – 8:00 a.m. St. Teresa – 8:00 a.m. St. Charles 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard - 10:30 a.m. St. Raphael - 11:00 a.m. St. Teresa 2:00 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish) – 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael (Haitian Creole)

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa

Monday-Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Rosary St. Teresa (Spanish) – 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish)

Wednesday-Thursday

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Teresa:

Confession and Adoration every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00-Noon

Holy Mass and Adoration 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

First Saturday Holy Rosary and Mass 6:00 a.m. (Spanish)

St. Bernard:

First Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Raphael:

Every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

St. Teresa

Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Bernard

Mon/Tue/Fri, after 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

St. Raphael

Tuesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m. Wed/Thurs, 11:30 a.m.-Noon Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

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Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, September 14, 2025

The Feast which we celebrate today, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, could be, from an outside perspective, a strange thing to celebrate. At the center of this feast is a symbol which is actually a

cruel instrument of torture and capital punishment. That's strange. But, as you know, when we look at the Cross, we don't see first the evil in it – we see the good that Jesus put into it. When we see the Cross, we are looking upon the most perfect symbol of love.

The Cross is how Jesus loved us par excellence. He chose to die for you and for me. There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends, He said, and He did exactly that through His actions for us. This is the extraordinary mystery that we are to contemplate today.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Del Párroco,

14 Septiembre 2025

La fiesta que celebramos hoy, la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz, podría ser, desde una perspectiva externa, algo extraño de celebrar. En el centro de esta fiesta está un símbolo que en realidad es un cruel instrumento de tortura y de pena capital. Eso es extraño. Pero, como ustedes saben, cuando miramos la Cruz no vemos primero el mal en ella, sino el bien que Jesús puso en ella. Al ver la Cruz, contemplamos el símbolo más perfecto del amor.

La Cruz es la manera en que Jesús nos amó por excelencia. Él eligió morir por ti y por mí. No hay amor más grande que dar la vida por los amigos, dijo Él, y eso fue precisamente lo que hizo con sus acciones por nosotros. Este es el misterio extraordinario que estamos llamados a contemplar hoy.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Weekly Scripture Readings Monday, September 15 1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Tuesday, September 16 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday, September 17 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday, September 18 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 Friday, September 19 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-32 Saturday, September 20 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 Sunday, September 21 Am 8:4-7; Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Mass Atten (English Masses only		August 30/31, 2025					
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %				
St. Raphael	511	119/173	23%/33%				
St. Teresa	434	134/173	30%/39%				
St. Bernard	420	122/187	29%/44%				
St. Joseph	368	123	33%				
St. Charles	180	55	30%				

Mass Schedule and Intentions:							
Sunday, Sej	otember 14						
8:00 a.m.		∜ Mandy Ray					
8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	⊕ Doug Caylor					
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Jim Perry					
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Edward Miller					
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	† Carol Pinson					
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜Alberta M. Dobry					
2:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	St. Rose Family Parishioners					
3:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	St. Rose Family Parishioners					
Monday, Se	ptember 15						
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Don McNeil					
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Edwin McKenna					
Tuesday, Se	ptember 16						
•	St. Teresa	† Doan Family					
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard						
Wednesday	, September 17	7					
-	St. Teresa	∜ Molly Seymour					
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	† Paul Hardin					
2:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	St. Rose Family Parishioners					
Thursday, S	September 18						
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Donna J. Cameron					
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	∜ Mary Ann Kloss					
Friday, Sep	tember 19						
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Irene Dearmon					
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	🕆 Clarence & Rita Barhorst					
•	eptember 20						
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Sophia V. Turnbull					
4:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	†Doug Brandle II, †Josephine M. Catanzaro					
4:30 p.m.	St. Bernard	∜Andy Murphy					
		† Deceased					

The Beacons Are Lit

Addressing Fears, Part 2

Another fear of the change in Mass times is that we will change Mass times and the people at the new time, which may be at a different church altogether, may be unfriendly. And this is absolutely true. I have experienced it for myself. At all our churches, I have met a few very friendly people and I truly cherish them. Also at all of our churches, I have seen a lot of very unfriendly people. They appear to be supremely disinterested in who anyone is, at best, and hostile, at worst. I spoke to someone recently who asked me if I saw how "hollow" everyone is in church. Yes, I do see it.

Maybe our churches aren't the most welcoming places in the world – but let's work to make them so. Let's make our churches places where we actually like each other, care about each other, enjoy each other's company, and want to be there. Be the change you want to see in the world. We are meant, as Christians, to live as a real family of God. Cliques have no place. Just coming and talking to your friends is unhelpful. Let's ban unfriendliness in our churches and put kindness and friendliness in its place.

Because friendly people are attractive. Maybe this is why we don't have young people in our churches. I have spent a lot of time with the young people of this current generation and I have found that they value one thing above all: authenticity. You need to become a loving and kind person and show that to those around you. Introduce yourself to people in church, especially the young people, and take an interest in them. Work to welcome new people to the Mass times when they go into effect on the weekend of October 4-5 and every weekend after that.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Las Antorchas están Encendidas

Afrontando los miedos, Parte 2

Otro temor respecto al cambio de horarios de Misa es que, al cambiarlos, la gente del nuevo horario —que tal vez sea en otra iglesia por completo— pueda ser poco amistosa. Y esto es absolutamente cierto. Yo mismo lo he experimentado. En todas nuestras iglesias he conocido a algunas personas muy amables y realmente las valoro. Pero también, en todas nuestras iglesias, he visto a muchas personas muy poco amistosas. Parecen estar totalmente desinteresadas en quién es uno, en el mejor de los casos, y hostiles en el peor. Recientemente hablé con alguien que me preguntó si había notado lo "vacíos" que parecen todos en la iglesia. Sí, lo noto.

Tal vez nuestras iglesias no sean los lugares más acogedores del mundo, pero trabajemos para que lo sean. Hagamos que nuestras iglesias sean lugares donde realmente nos guste estar juntos, cuidemos unos de otros, disfrutemos de la compañía mutua y queramos estar allí. Sé el cambio que quieres ver en el mundo. Como cristianos, estamos llamados a vivir como una verdadera familia de Dios. Las camarillas no tienen cabida aquí. Llegar y hablar solo con tus amigos no ayuda. Prohibamos la falta de amabilidad en nuestras iglesias y pongamos en su lugar la bondad y la cordialidad.

Porque la gente amable es atractiva. Tal vez por eso no tenemos jóvenes en nuestras iglesias. He pasado mucho tiempo con los jóvenes de esta generación y he descubierto que valoran una cosa por encima de todo: la autenticidad. Necesitas convertirte en una persona amorosa y bondadosa y mostrarlo a quienes te rodean. Preséntate a las personas en la iglesia, especialmente a los jóvenes, y muéstrales interés. Trabaja para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos en los horarios de Misa cuando entren en vigor el fin de semana del 4 al 5 de octubre y todos los fines de semana después de eso.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Becoming Catholic

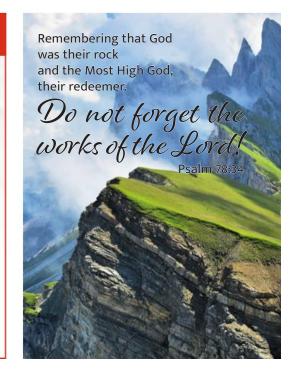
They "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

-Acts 2:42

We are excited to hear about what the Lord is beginning or continuing to do in your life. The process of becoming Catholic is called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is designed to help us unpack the teaching of the Apostles so that we can burn with the same desire for Jesus as they did. Not sure where your journey fits into this, no worries. Reach out to our Director of Evangelization at nic@strosefamily. org. He would love to walk you through the process, and answer any questions you might have.

Or, are you ready to jump in with both feet? Come to the first session of OCIA? It will be Thursday, September 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Raphael.

Are you Catholic already and have a friend that through your witness is open to becoming Catholic? Have them get in touch with Nic at nic@strosefamily.org.



Our Gifts to the Lord											
	St. Raphael		St. Bernard			St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles	
Collection for August 31	\$	4,782.00	\$	9,601.62	\$	6,834.00	\$	2,334.00	\$	1,033.00	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Meijer Simply Give Campaign – Support St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Springfield Meijer store has chosen our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry as its partner for the Fall *Simply Give* campaign, running now through the end of September.

During this time, \$10.00 Simply Give donation cards may be purchased at the Springfield Meijer. Meijer will turn all donations into food-only gift cards for our pantry to purchase groceries, baby formula, diapers, and other essentials for families in need.

Special Giving Day: On *Saturday, September 13, 2025,* Meijer will *double match* every \$10.00 donation — turning it into \$30.00 for our pantry!

Thank you for your generous support in helping feed hungry families in our community.

Thank you



The St. Bernard Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank parishioners for their generosity during our August, 2025 Fifth Sunday Collection. Parishioners graciously donated \$4,668.00. Since the beginning of our fiscal year in October 2024, the

generosity of parishioners enabled this Conference to provide assistance to 194 families averaging \$268.00 per household. Thank you for showing God's love to our neighbors.

Reminder: New Mass Schedule

The new Mass schedule goes into effect the weekend of October 4-5, and is as follows:

Saturday

4:30 p.m. *St. Bernard* 4:30 p.m. *St. Charles*

Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 8:30 a.m. St. Bernard 10:30 a.m. St. Raphael 11:00 a.m. St. Teresa

For a detailed explanation into why these times were selected and our goals for this change, please visit our family website strosefamily.org or scan the accompanying QR code.



Prayer and Study Opportunities

- Rosary Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (during the school year) at Catholic Central Chapel, back entrance.
- Catholic Men's Prayer and Study Group. Every first and third Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Metzdorf Hall.
- Rosary at St. Bernard after the Weekday Mass. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and before the weekend Masses.
- Fishers of Faith men's group meeting in the St. Teresa church basement following Adoration every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
- Monday Evening Bible Study, St. Joseph Parish Center, September 22-November 17, 2025, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Video Bible Study

Ages 18 & up 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

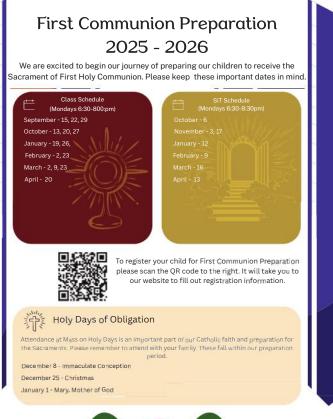
Meeting at St. Raphael Parish Office, 225 E. High Street. For more information, email Nic at nic@strosefamily.org.



Ages 18 & up 2nd Wednesday | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Meeting at the St. Raphael Parish Office, 225 E. High Street. Come enjoy fun and fellowship! You don't need to sign up, just contact Nic at nic@strosefamily.org if you have any questions.







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Please arrive 10 minutes early

"Let the little children come to me..." - Matthew 19:114



Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions

Saint of the Day: September 20 Patron Saints of Korea

Following his Baptism at the age of 15, the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded. Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. The two were beheaded. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized. Around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Read the full article: "Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-andrew-kim-taegon-paul-chong-hasang-and-companions/(Accessed September 1, 2025).



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